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MEETINGS MARCH 11 WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER

SECRETARY KISSINGER TUESDAY (MAR. 11) MET SEPARATELY WITH LEADERS OF
SEVERAL TURKISH POLITICAL PARTIES. THESE WERE SULEYMAN DEMIREL,
CHAIRMAN OF THE JUSTICE PARTY; FERRUH BOZBEYLI, CHAIRMAN OF THE DO-
MOCRATIC PARTY AND OGUZHAN ASILTURK, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY. EACH OF THESE LEADERS MADE A STATEMENT
TO THE PRESS FOLLOWING MEETINGS WITH THE SECRETARY. FULL TEXTS
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OF STATEMENTS FOLLOW:

(FYI - THE SECRETARY DID NOT MAKE ANY STATEMENTS TO NEWSMEN AFTER THESE MEETINGS.)

DEMIREL SAID: "WE HAVE TALKED WITH U.S. SECRETARY KISSINGER ON TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND ON THE QUESTION OF CYPRUS. IT HAS BEEN A BENEFICIAL MEETING. I BELIEVE THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE FOUND THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK THEIR THOUGHTS TO ONE ANOTHER WITH COMPLETE OPENNESS. IN OTHER WORDS, I HAVE TOLD HIM ABOUT MY OPINION AND HE HAS TOLD ME ABOUT HIS. FIRST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT IT IS VERY WRONG TO COMBINE TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH THE QUESTION OF CYPRUS. TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND THE CYPRUS ISSUE SHOULD BE SEPARATED FROM ONE ANOTHER. CYPRUS IS A CONFLICT WHICH HAS BEEN DRAGGING ON FOR A LONG TIME BUT IT IS NOT A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND TURKEY. MUCH GOOD WILL COME ABOUT FROM FINDING AN EARLY POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF CYPRUS. I DO HOPE THAT THOSE PARTIES CONCERNED WITH CYPRUS WILL SOON REALIZE THE BENEFITS OF AN EARLY POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. THIS IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

" YOU KNOW THAT NEITHER MR. KISSINGER NOR I ARE THE NEGOTIATORS OF THE CYPRUS ISSUE. WE ONLY HAD AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS. THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION OF AN EXCHANGE OF PROPOSALS. HE TOLD ME ABOUT WHAT HE IS THINKING ON THIS SUBJECT AND I EXPRESSED TO HIM MY OPINIONS." (END TEXT)

BOZBEYLI SAID: "WE HAVE HAD AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER ON THE QUESTION OF CYPRUS AND TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS. I AM VERY PLEASED WITH OUR TALKS. MR. KISSINGER SAID THAT HE IS HOPEFUL ABOUT THE LATEST DECISIONS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUSPENSION OF U.S. AID TO TURKEY AND ADDED THAT HE WILL CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS ON THIS MATTER. HE HAS TOLD ME THAT HE IS CONTINUING HIS EFFORTS FOR CONSTRUCTIVE DEVELOPMENTS TOWARD PEACE FOR CYPRUS. HE ASKED US TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT ON OUR PART FOR THE BEGINNING OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS AND FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS. THE EFFORTS OF OUR GOVERNMENT IN THIS RESPECT HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED SINCE THE BEGINNING BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. OUR TALK TOOK PLACE WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK. I AM VERY PLEASED WITH OUR TALKS.

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THANK YOU."

ASILTURK SAID: "DR. KISSINGER IS VISITING POLITICAL PARTIES REPRESENTED IN THE (NATIONAL) ASSEMBLY. THIS IS A COURTESY VISIT. HOWEVER, AS IN THE CASE IN EVERY COURTESY VISIT, THERE WAS IN THIS COURTESY VISIT THE OPPORTUNITY ALSO FOR TAKING UP CERTAIN ISSUES TO SOME DEGREE. ONE OF THESE IS THAT OF TURKISH-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP. ACTUALLY TURKISH-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP IS ONE

WHICH CARRIES MANY VALUES WITH IT. THIS IS THE FRIENDSHIP
OF TWO COUNTRIES CONSCIOUS OF MUTUAL COOPERATION AND MUTUAL AID.
KISSINGER HAS, AS THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION HAS, SERIOUSLY
OPPOSED THE CONGRESSIONAL DECISION WHICH HAS BEEN VIEWED AS
HARMFUL TO TURKISH-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP. AMERICAN AMBASSADOR
MACOMBER EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE AND SERIOUSNESS OF THIS IN
HIS TALKS IN WASHINGTON. THEREFORE, THEY HAVE PROMISED THAT THIS
AID WOULD BE RESUMED VERY SOON. WE ARE VERY PLEASED WITH THIS.
AS A PEACE-LOVING NATION DESERVING PEACE AND TRANQUILITY IN THE
WORLD, TURKEY VIEWS TURKISH-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP AS VERY IMPORTANT.
WE WISH TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH ALL OUR ALLIES AND ALL THE OTHER
COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. THE SECOND ISSUE IS THE SUBJECT OF CYPRUS.
I BELIEVE THAT ON THE QUESTION OF CYPRUS SECRETARY
KISSINGER SHOWS THE INCLINATION AND DESIRE TO HELP TURKEY TO A
GREAT EXTENT. AS A LEADER OF OUR PARTY AND AS CABINET MEMBER WHO
WAS INVOLVED FROM THE BEGINNING IN THE QUESTION OF CYPRUS, I WILL
SAY THAT PUBLIC OPINION IS WELL AWARE BY WHAT MEASURES THE NATIONAL
SALVATION PARTY PROTECTS OUR RIGHTS IN CYPRUS. I THINK THAT MR.
KISSINGER NOW BELIEVES THAT WE HAVE NEARLY REACHED THE POINT FOR
THE SOLUTION WHICH THE TURKS DESIRE. SO WE HAVE INFORMED HIM
THAT WE EXPECT HIS HELP IN THIS RESPECT AND WE HAVE THANKED
HIM FOR HIS VISIT TO OUR COUNTRY. BRIEFLY THIS IS THE MEANING OF
THE VISIT AND THIS IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY."
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